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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM
AMBASSADOR THEBERGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, NERY A.)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SOMOZA'S COMMENTS ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT

1. AT PRESIDENT SOMOZA'S REQUEST, I MET WITH HIM IN HIS OFFICE
ON FEBRUARY 16TH TO DISCUSS SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO SAN
JOSE.

2. SOMOZA SAID THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH THE SECRETARY IN SAN JOSE
ON FEBRUARY 24TH. HE NOTED THAT PRESIDENTS LANGUERUD AND MOLINA
WOULD NOT ATTEND, AND HE DOUBTED THAT PRESIDENT MALGAR WOULD GO.
FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIAL WILL ACCOMPANY HIM TO SAN JOSE,
ARRIVING ABOUT 0900 HOURS ON FEBRUARY 24TH.

3. FOLLOWING UP ON THE CONVERSATION ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS
AND I HAD WITH HIM IN MANAGUA ON JANUARY 31ST, I ASKED SOMOZA
WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MIGHT USEFULLY SAY IN HIS REMARKS TO
THE ASSEMBLED PRESIDENTS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS IN SAN JOSE.

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SOMOZA SUGGESTED THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDER STRESSING THE FOL-

LOWING: (A) THE POSITIVE EFFORTS THAT THE PRESIDENTS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAVE MADE TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS AND PROBLEMS IN THE REGION; (B) THE VALUE OF A CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN COUNTRIES SUCH AS THAT INITIATED BY THE PRESIDENTS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHICH HAS HELPED TO FORGE A REGIONAL AWARENESS OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND APPROACH TO PROBLEM-SOLVING; AND (C) THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET IN PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

4. SOMOZA EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT PRESIDENT ODUBER WAITED SO LONG TO INVITE THE OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE, SINCE ODUBER HAD TELEPHONED HIM AND EXTENDED ORAL INVITATION LONG BEFORE THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING.

5. HE REPEATED HIS SENSE OF SATISFACTION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT TO MANAGUA AT THE END OF JANUARY.
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